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Jonesboro attorney Martin Lilly talks on the telephone with Warner Brothers representative Julie Jacobson Tuesday afternoon in an attempt to find the source of pornographic material included on a children's video produced by the company and purchased in Jonesboro.

Source of porn video tapes is being sought; second one bought here

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For the second time in as many days a Northeast Arkansas resident has reported finding footage from pornographic films dubbed into a children's movie purchased at a local retail store.

A day after Dianna Hemminger of Jonesboro reported finding scenes from an adult film in her granddaughter's copy of the Walt Disney children's cartoon classic "Pinocchio," Erin Smith of Harrisburg said that her eight-year-old daughter was exposed to similarly graphic material while watching another popular children's film.

The video, Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen's "Passport to Paris," was interrupted about 30 minutes into its story line by an adult movie which continued playing for approximately an hour.

Smith and her attorney, Martin Lilly of Jonesboro, are currently involved in talks with the film's distributor — Warner Brothers Studios — in an attempt to determine the source of the pornographic material and how it was dubbed onto the film.

Lilly said that after talking with Warner Brothers representative

Julie Jacobson, he learned that another children's movie had also been contaminated and was currently being studied by the video technicians for the company.

The movie, "Jack Frost," was also produced by the entertainment company and purchased in the Jonesboro area Lilly said.

Jacobson said that Warner Brothers would not comment about either film other than to say the company is "investigating this and will have a comment after the holidays."

"Officially, we are still talking with Warner Brothers in an attempt to isolate the point of contamination of the video," Lilly said. "Once we locate who did this, then we will make a determination if any further action is warranted at that point."

Lilly said that he was told by Warner Brothers that preliminary investigation of the "Jack Frost" video indicated that the film had been tampered with outside of the company's dubbing studio in Ventura County, Calif.

Lilly said that the tape speed of the "Jack Frost" video changes as the children's story turns into por-

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nographic material, indicating, according to Warner Brothers, that the movie had been dubbed by a non-professional.

Lilly also noted the shrink-wrap packaging on the "Jack Frost" video did not appear to be a factory product.

Both the "Pinocchio" and "Passport to Paris" movies had similar changes in tape speed as the pornographic footage began, a Sun reporter noted.

"Warner Brothers said that according to their report that this was not done during production or reproduction for mass sales," Lilly said. "The best we can tell from what we have and from talking to them, this is being done on the local level so there may or may not be a

cause of action.

"This isn't about money or lawsuits," he added. "But people are concerned that this is getting out to children."

The copy of the movie Smith bought for her daughter contains scenes from what appear to be several videos produced by an adult film company based in Spain.

Close to an hour of adult video footage was included on "Passport to Paris," followed by film credits and previews for other graphic adult films and a message which read "Private. XXX." "Passport to Paris" then resumed playing without further interruption.

The "Pinocchio" video purchased by Hemminger also contained approximately an hour of pornog-

raphic material, followed by the film's release date, a listing of actors and a message which read "Thanks for Watching ... Adults Only Please. This Video Rated XXX."

"This has really invaded our privacy," Smith said of the video. "When you go to a retail store, you don't expect this. Maybe if you bought it at a yard sale."

"Passport to Paris" and "Pinocchio" movies were purchased from different national retail chains in Jonesboro nearly a week before Thanksgiving and both were sealed with tape in a container and wrapped in cellophane.

"We are under the impression that this was done after it reached the store," Lilly said.

"Based on the fact that it is coming from several different stores in the area, it appears someone is purchasing the movies, editing them and rewrapping them and taking them back to the stores. We just want to isolate where the bad part of the video came from."

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